

House Resolution 1645

By: Representative Graves of the 12<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of Charles O. Walker; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Charles O. Walker was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on February 17, 1929; and
- 3 WHEREAS, after graduating from Russell High School in East Point, Georgia, he earned a  
4 BCS in Social Science from Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia, a Master of  
5 Divinity from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, and has done  
6 additional graduate study at the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Charles served in the United States Army in the early 1950's and was honorably  
8 discharged; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he began service at the First Baptist Church of Jasper, Georgia, as Pastor on  
10 April 1, 1960, and he worked there for 37 years before retiring on March 31, 1997, at which  
11 time he was named Pastor Emeritus of the church; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he is a renowned local artist with many paintings and drawings, especially of  
13 older buildings and dwellings, on display in homes, offices, and businesses in the North  
14 Georgia area; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Charles is the author of at least eleven books, including church and family  
16 histories, Baptist and other religious and denominational histories, and histories of the early  
17 Cherokees in and near North Georgia. The books on Cherokees include representative  
18 drawings of buildings and artifacts done by Reverend Walker. Originals of these drawings  
19 are on display at the Chief Vann House, a Georgia State Historical Site and at the Cherokee  
20 Heritage Center in Tahlequah, Oklahoma; and
- 21 WHEREAS, he is considered an expert on the "Old Federal Road" in North Georgia; and

22 WHEREAS, Charles served for ten years, from 1970-1980, on the Board of Commissioners  
23 Housing Authority, City of Jasper, Georgia; and

24 WHEREAS, he helped start, and currently serves as president of, the Jasper, Georgia, chapter  
25 of AARP and is also a member and former president of the Marble Valley Historical Society;  
26 and

27 WHEREAS, his denominational service includes: Moderator of the Etowah Baptist  
28 Association of Churches (Cherokee and Pickens counties, Georgia) (two terms); Chairman,  
29 History Committee, Georgia Baptist Convention (three terms); President of the Georgia  
30 Baptist Historical Society (three terms); Member of the Historical Commission of the  
31 Southern Baptist Convention; Member of the Executive Committee of the Georgia Baptist  
32 Convention (four terms); Vice President of the Georgia Baptist Convention; and helping to  
33 start the McAfee School of Theology (a part of Mercer University) in Atlanta, Georgia.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
35 the members of this body recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Charles O. Walker  
36 and wish him continued good health and further success in the coming years.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Charles O. Walker.